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COMICS

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登場人物



小野寺ブンブン

チョコパイ好きのヤングガイ。得意な必殺技は真空波動拳。



小野寺ブンブンママ

ブンブンの母親。前世は天使だったと信じている。若干アル中。



小野寺雄一

ブンブンママの弟。素直になれない年頃。現在はビデオ屋でアルバイト中。



田中愛子

ブンブンが小学生の時から好きな女の子。



大隈翠

喫茶店で働くフリーター女子。元・看護師。



矢口先輩

バドミントン部の先輩。チンコが超でかいと下級生に噂されている。



小松つつちゃん

ブンブンのクラスメイト。バドミントン部の赤い彗星。



関 真澄

ブンブンの同級生。すぐ怒る。



清水

ブンブンの同級生。すぐ怒られる。



沼田

クラスのセクシーギャル。好きな食べものはゴマ。



八木

雄一が五年前に働いていた陶芸教室の生徒。



おかっぱの女子高生

八木の娘。母親に軟禁されていると言い、雄一に助けを求める。



蟹尾

雄一の陶芸教室講師時代の同僚。陶芸界期待の新人。



雄一の元カノ

酒好きで悪口が多い以外は、概ね親切で優しい女性。

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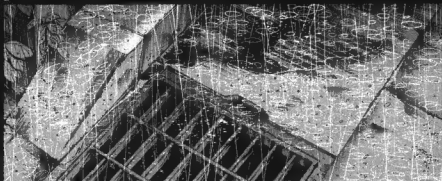
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3巻までのあらすじ

ごく普通の中学生、
小野寺ブンブンは、
片想い(?)の女の子・
田中愛子を追って、
部活の先輩と無謀な
勝負をすることに。
一方、叔父の雄一は、
気になるフリーター女子、
大隈翠に過去を
打ち明け始める。

THE SUDDEN DOWNPOUR
GROWING MORE VIOLENT
BY THE SECOND DIDN'T
GIVE ME ANY TIME TO
THINK THINGS THROUGH.





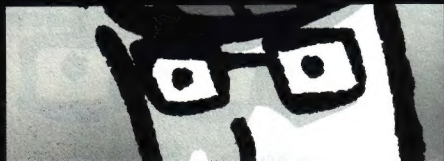
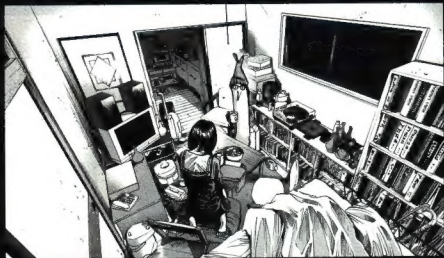




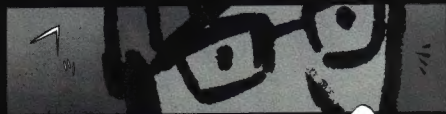
...HERE,
IT'S
HERBAL
TEA.



IT'LL HELP
CALM YOU
DOWN.

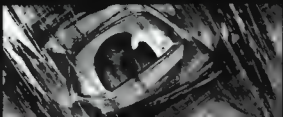
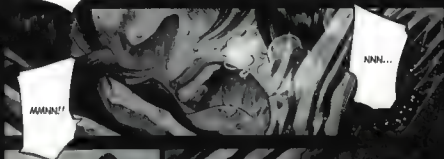














AH...
W...



WAIT A
SEC...



I SAID
STOP!

S...

STOP!





...I DON'T
WANT TO.



THIS IS BAD.
IT'S NOT
RIGHT...

TH...

THIS
IS...



...WHY?



...AREN'T YOU
DISSATISFIED
WITH YOUR LIFE,
MR.ONODERA?



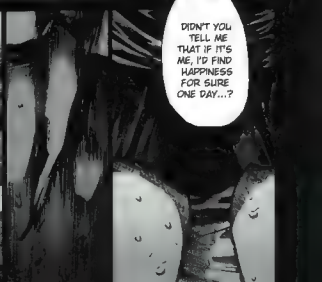
YOU'RE ALL
I HAVE
ANYMORE...

AS FOR
ME..



DON'T
YOU
WANT
TO...

RESTART OUR
LIVES, YOU AND
ME, TOGETHER...



DIDN'T YOU
TELL ME
THAT IF IT'S
ME, I'D FIND
HAPPINESS
FOR SURE
ONE DAY...?



HOW
DOES
THAT...

WELL,
IT'S...

HAVE TO
DO WITH
ANYTHING
...?

IT'S
JUST
TOO
SUDDEN
...

AND OUR
AGE DIF-
FERENCE IS
TOO WIDE...

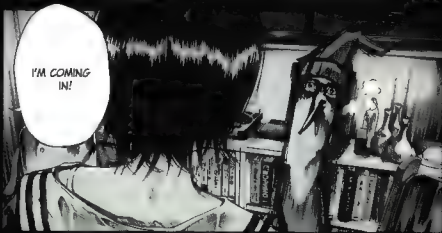
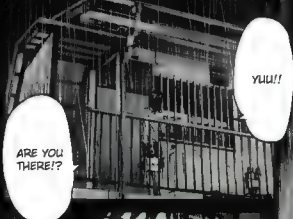


...WHAT ARE
YOU SO
AFRAID OF?



TO SAVE
YOU...

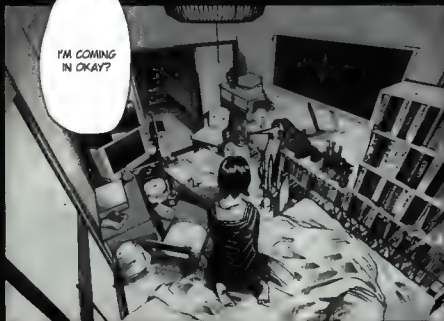






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話







DAMN IT, EVEN
MY UNDER-
WEAR IS ALL
SOAKED.

THAT LAST
THUNDER
SURE WAS
TERRIFY-
INGLY LOUD.



UAAA...

YOU CAME
IN SO
SUDDENLY
TODAY,
IS SOME
THING
WRONG ?

I WONDER
HOW LONG
THIS POWER
OUTAGE
WILL LAST



AH...



SUD-
DENLY...?



OH, THAT'S
RIGHT...



BUT IT'S
ALWAYS
BEEN LIKE
THAT...



AH...



JEEZ...
WERE
YOU NOT
LISTENING?



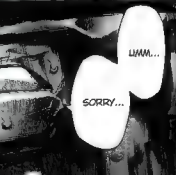
AND I TOLD
YOU BEFORE
THAT I'D BE
COMING
TODAY TO
TALK.



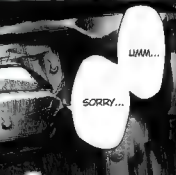
I EVEN TOLD
YOU TO MAKE
SURE YOU'RE
FREE ON SAT-
URDAY NIGHT



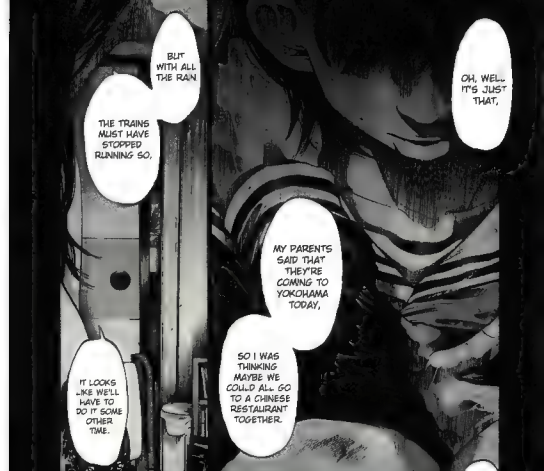
SO WHAT DID
YOU WANT TO
TALK TO ME
ABOUT...?



UHH...



SORRY...



BUT
WITH ALL
THE RAIN

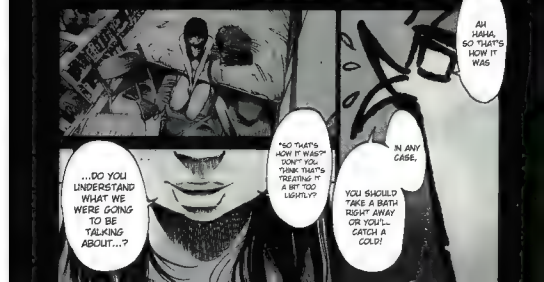
THE TRAINS
MUST HAVE
STOPPED
RUNNING SO,

OH, WELL.
IT'S JUST
THAT,

MY PARENTS
SAID THAT
THEY'RE
COMING TO
YOKOHAMA
TODAY,

SO I WAS
THINKING
MAYBE WE
COULD ALL GO
TO A CHINESE
RESTAURANT
TOGETHER.

IT LOOKS
LIKE WE'LL
HAVE TO
DO IT SOME
OTHER
TIME.



AH
HAHA,
SO THAT'S
HOW IT
WAS

"SO THAT'S
HOW IT WAS?"
DON'T YOU
THINK THAT'S
TREATING IT
A BIT TOO
LIGHTLY?

IN ANY
CASE,

...DO YOU
UNDERSTAND
WHAT WE
WERE GOING
TO BE
TALKING
ABOUT...?

YOU SHOULD
TAKE A BATH
RIGHT AWAY
OR YOU'LL
CATCH A
COLD!



GOING TO
BE TALKING
ABOUT
"THAT"?

WERE
WE...

UHH...



TALKING
ABOUT
MARRIAGE
THAT MUCH?

DO YOU
REALLY
DISLIKE,

YU, IS
SOME-
THING
WRONG?



I...

I'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR
AS LONG AS
POSSIBLE.

...YOU
KNOW,



YUKKO, KANNA,
AND EVEN AKI
ARE ALL
MARRIED NOW

WE'VE
ALREADY
BEEN DATING
FOR 5 YEARS,
YOU KNOW

HAVE YOU
EVER
CONSIDERED
MY FEELINGS
OF WHAT IT'S
LIKE TO BE
STILL
UNMARRIED?

I'M GOING
TO BE 30
SOON.

I FELT THAT "SOMETHING"
THAT I'VE BEEN SO
DESPERATELY TRYING
TO MAINTAIN SLOWLY
CRUMBLE AWAY

AT THAT
TIME

AND WHILE
INSIDE THE
FERRIS
WHEEL, YOU
TOLD ME THAT
WE'D GET
MARRIED ONCE
YOU SETTLED
DOWN AT
YOUR JOB!!

HEY,
DO YOU
REMEM-
BER?

BACK WHEN
YOU JUST
STARTED
WORKING, WE
WENT TO AN
AMUSEMENT
PARK

BECAME AWARE
OF THE FACT THAT
I WAS BECOMING
AROUSSED AT BEING
WATCHED BY THE
YOUNG GIRL HIDDEN
BEHIND THE SLIDING
DOOR.

AS HER WORDS FELL
DEAD ON MY EARS,



AND I'VE
BEEN...

WAITING
FOREVER
AND EVER!

I...

I BELIEVED
IN YOUR
WORDS...

THE IMAGES OF
HER NIPPLES AND
PUBIC HAIR!
PERSISTENTLY
DANCED AROUND
INSIDE MY MIND.

AND I TURNED
MY ATTENTION
AWAY FROM
THE WOMAN
WHOSE FACE
WAS
CONTORTED
LIKE AN OLD
TOMATO.

LITTLE BY LITTLE, MY
CONSCIOUSNESS WAS LET
ASTRAY BY THE WHITE
UNDERWEAR PEEPING OUT
FROM THE LEGS OF THE
YEAR-OLD GIRL.



I DON'T
WANT TO
FORCE
YOU INTO
THINGS
...

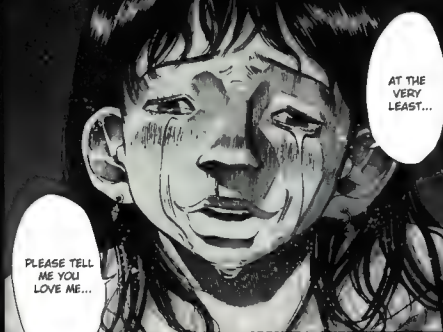
BUT
STILL...

B...BUT!

I UNDER-
STAND
YOUR
FEELINGS...

HOW GOOD IT
WOULD BE, IF MY
HOT MANHOOD
COULD PENETRATE
THE SECRET
DEPTHS OF A GIRL
RIGHT NOW!!

...AH,



PLEASE TELL
ME YOU
LOVE ME...

AT THE
VERY
LEAST...



ABOVE ARE JUST MOANING SOUNDS



AAHH...!

...HEAVEN



YEA...

Y...

YEAH,

I LOVE
YOU...

I LOVE
YOU...

THOUGHT TO
MYSELF THAT
I'D HAVE BEEN
BETTER IF
WE'VE NEVER
BORN AT ALL

WHILE HOLDING
BACK MY URGE
TO VOMIT

I...

I
LOVE...

SOMETHING
WITH ME

JEEZ,

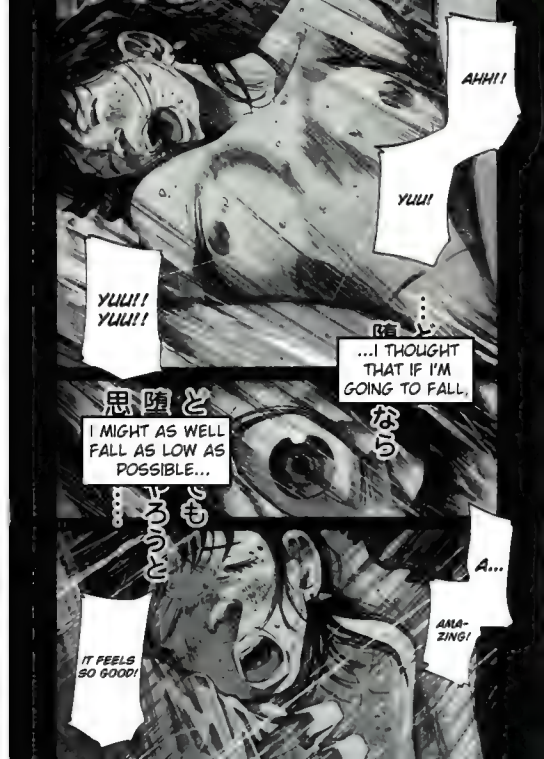
PUSSY
OPEN

LOOK
AT YOU,
ALREADY
ERECT...



OH YUU...

YOU
FOOL...



AHH!!

YUU!!

YUU!!
YUU!!

…
随と

...I THOUGHT
THAT IF I'M
GOING TO FALL,

思随と

I MIGHT AS WELL
FALL AS LOW AS
POSSIBLE...

なら

A...

ANA-
ZING!

IT FEELS
SO GOOD!



I CAN'T
...!!

WHAT!?

HOLD
ON...

WHAT!!

AHH!

AHH!

AHHH!!



僕は

I GOT IT!

かった

THIS
MUST BE
A DREAM!

は
夢だ!!

AH...

きつ
最初

THAT GIRL MUST
HAVE NEVER
EXISTED IN THE
FIRST PLACE,

I...

AHH,
YUUI!

なんて
存在しなくて、

目が覚
いっ
戻

AND ONCE I WAKE UP
EVERYTHING WILL BE
BACK TO NORMAL

I'M...

ら
日常に
んだ...

I'M...

ねえ
袖

I'M
CLIMM-
ING!!!

...ISN'T THAT
RIGHT? GOD ..

なんでしょ？

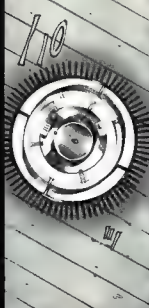
AH DEAR
GOD, DEAR
GOD

~~~~~

HOX!!!

K







THERE'S NO SUCH  
THING AS GOD.

JUST AS  
THOUGH.









NEEDED  
SOME TIME  
TO THINK

AFTER THAT, I TOOK A  
2 WEEK BREAK FROM  
WORK BY LYING  
ABOUT GOING ON AN  
OVERSEAS VACATION

BUT BY THE 10TH  
DAY, I REGARDED  
HER ENTIRE  
EXISTENCE AS  
AN ILLUSION.

...AFTER THE  
FIRST FEW DAYS,  
I BEGAN TO  
WONDER WHETHER  
THE GIRL WAS  
DELUSIONAL  
ABOUT GETTING  
AN ABORTION AND  
BEING TIED UP AT  
HOME.



EITHER WAY, I  
DECIDED TO  
RETURN BACK TO  
MY TRIVIAL  
NORMAL LIFE.

I TRIED TO BE  
AS CHEERFUL  
AS POSSIBLE.

HEY...

SHOULD  
WE...GET  
MARRIED?





YOUR PORCELAIN  
VASE WAS  
RECENTLY  
FEATURED AT AN  
EXHIBIT AND  
APPRAISED AT A  
VERY HIGH PRICE.

OK, THEN  
LET US  
BEGIN.

I, NARUSE,  
FROM THE  
MONTHLY MAG-  
AZINE, "LIVING  
WITH BEAUTY"  
WILL BE YOUR  
INTERVIEWER  
TODAY.

THAT SUCH AN  
EXQUISITE PIECE  
OF ART WAS  
CREATED BY  
SOMEONE ONLY  
25 YEARS OLD IS  
UNTHINKABLE...

WAS VERY  
SHORT-LIVED.

BUT THAT  
FEELING,



That's  
right...



UAAA  
...

WHAT?

MR.  
WASHIO?





UHHH  
...

HOW IS  
YOUR  
DAUGHTER  
DOING? DID  
SHE SAY  
ANYTHING?

UHH...  
SORRY  
ABOUT  
THAT.



OH, MR.  
ONO-  
DERA!

HOW COULD  
YOU NOT SAY  
A WORD TO  
ME AND GO  
OFF FOR 2  
WEEKS?

I WAS SO  
WORRIED. I  
THOUGHT YOU  
QUIT YOUR  
JOB OR  
SOMETHING!



... I WONDER  
WHERE SHE  
WENT OFF  
TO?

SHE WAS  
ACTUALLY  
HERE JUST A  
LITTLE WHILE  
AGO.

OH, WELL  
SHE CAME TO  
THIS ART  
CLASS DURING  
THE WEEK  
YOU WERE  
GONE.

WHAT?

SHE WAS  
HERE  
TODAY?



BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY,

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO FOR LUNCH TOGETHER?

THERE'S A VERY GOOD SHOP THAT OPENED UP IN JIYUUGAOKA.

AND IF IT'S JUST A MISUNDERSTANDING, I APOLOGIZE BUT...

I REALLY SHOULDN'T ASK THIS.

MRS. YAGI,

...I'M SORRY,

THAT YOU TIE UP YOUR DAUGHTER AT HOME?

IS IT TRUE,

IT SEEMS SHE STUDIED OTHER WORLD CLIGINES FOR OVER 10 YEARS WORKING IN A HIGH CLASS FRENCH RESTAURANT!!

AND THE THING IS, MY HIGH SCHOOL CLASSMATE IS THE ONE WHO RUNS THAT RESTAURANT!!



...MR.  
WASHIO?



DO YOU REALLY  
TIE YOUR OWN  
DAUGHTER UP  
WITH A ROPE?

PLEASE  
ANSWER  
ME..



I'M  
SURE  
YOU'LL  
LOVE IT  
TOO!!

THEIR STEW  
IS JUST  
FANTASTIC  
WITH SUCH  
A MELLOW  
SMELL!!

AND  
OH MY  
GOOD-  
NESS!



ANSWER  
ME. !!!

PLEASE  
..





AAAA  
AGGG  
HHHH  
HHHH  
!!!!!!

KYAA  
AAAA  
AAAA  
HHHH  
!!!!!!

AAAA  
GGGG  
GGGG  
GGGG  
HHHH  
HHHH  
HHHH  
!!!!!!

WASHIO!!

IT  
HURTS  
!!!

WHAT  
ARE  
YOU...!?

IT HURTS,  
IT HURTS  
!!!

MRS.  
YAGI!!

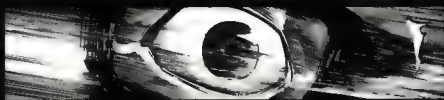
PLEASE  
HANG ON  
MRS.  
YAGI!!

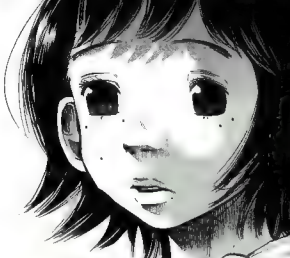
911?  
WE NEED  
AN AMBU-  
LANCE...

AND  
CALL THE  
POLICE!!

GO...!!

ONO-  
DERA!





...AH.



THAT'S A  
LOT OF  
BLOOD.



IS SHE  
DEAD?

MY  
MOTHER.



**YOU  
FUCKING  
BITCH!!**



WHO PUT  
HIM UP  
TO IT. ?

WAS IT  
YOU



...HE'S  
COM-  
PLETELY  
HEAD  
OVER  
HEELS  
FOR ME.

AT THAT  
MOMENT.

WASHIO.

I FELT  
JUST HOW  
COLD AND  
FEARSOME

HAHA,

HE DOESN'T  
KNOW  
ANYTHING,  
WHAT A  
FOOL HE IS.

HER BEAUTI-  
FUL SMILE  
COULD BE

SAID HE'D  
DO ANYTHING  
FOR ME...

JUST A  
SIMPLE  
FELLATIO  
CHANGED  
HIS MIND!!

HE WAS  
A BIT  
HESITANT  
AT FIRST  
BUT...

MEN  
ARE SO  
SIMPLE...

HOW  
FUNNY!!

BE  
PLAYED AND  
FAR  
HUMAN.

BE  
PLAYED AND  
FAR  
HUMAN.



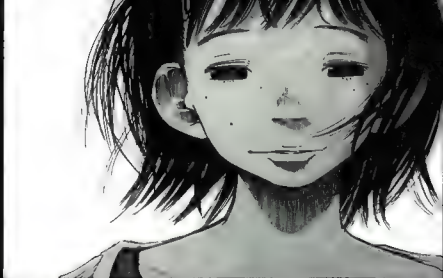
BE  
PLAYED AND  
FAR  
HUMAN.



BE  
PLAYED AND  
FAR  
HUMAN.

BE  
PLAYED AND  
FAR  
HUMAN.







SO YOU  
NEEDN'T  
WORRY  
ABOUT IT.



THAT  
DOESN'T  
HAVE,

ANYTHING  
TO DO  
WITH YOU  
ANYMORE.



WELL...



GOD IS  
ALWAYS  
WATCHING  
OVER ME.

BECAUSE...



THE  
MUSEUM  
OF  
THE  
FUTURE

THE  
MUSEUM  
OF  
THE  
FUTURE



BUT WONDERING  
JUST IN WHAT KIND  
OF GOD THAT G.R.  
BELIEVED IN.

NOT OVER THE FACT  
OF WHETHER HE  
EXISTS OR NOT.



TO STILL  
DESPERATELY  
CLING ON TO  
THAT EXISTENCE  
MAY BE A LMAN.

EVEN IF THAT  
EXISTENCE CALLED  
GOD MAY BE A  
DEMON OF DARK  
MAGIC.



歪い

SEEMED A  
BIT MORE  
DISTORTED  
AND  
CROOKED  
THAN  
USUAL.

景目

...ONCE I  
THOUGHT THAT,  
THE SCENERY  
SPREADING RIGHT  
BEFORE MY EYES,

はかる

FINALLY  
REALIZED

WHILE STARING AT  
THE BACK OF THAT  
G.R., DISAPPEARING  
OFF INTO THE MOB  
OF PEOPLE.



THAT FROM  
THE MOMENT  
WE HAD MET

I HAD FALLEN IN  
LOVE WITH HER.



THAT SHE WOULD  
TURN AROUND  
AND COME BACK  
TO ME.

I FELT THAT IF  
I CALLED OUT  
HER NAME  
THEN,



DIDN'T EVEN  
KNOW HER  
GIVEN NAME.

BUT I,



AND  
SINCE  
THEN,

...I ALSO  
BROKE UP WITH  
MY GIRLFRIEND  
SOON AFTER  
THAT.

I'VE LIVED  
WITHOUT  
BELIEVING NOR  
RELYING ON  
ANYTHING OR  
ANYONE...

AND ALTHOUGH  
THE POTTERY  
CLASS WASN'T  
DISCONTINUED, I  
HEARD IT WAS  
VERY HARD FOR  
IT TO START  
BACK UP.

IN THE  
END, 2  
OTHERS  
WERE WOUNDED,

AND I QUIT  
THE JOB  
DURING  
THAT  
CHAOS...

CONTINUE  
LIVING ON ALL  
THE WHILE AS  
OUR INDIVIDUAL  
EGOS HURT  
EACH OTHER.

THE REASON  
WHY HUMANS

I JUST  
DON'T  
UNDER-  
STAND...

I...

**HUMANS**  
...!!





DESPISE

MYSELF.



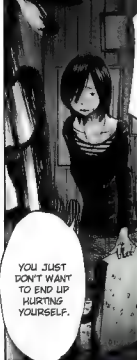
I RATHER  
LIKE YOU, MR.  
ONODERA.

WELL, I  
DON'T.



I WILL STILL  
LIKE YOU.

...NO  
MATTER  
WHAT  
HAPPENED  
IN THE  
PAST,



YOU JUST  
DON'T WANT  
TO END UP  
HURTING  
YOURSELF.



*YOU'RE  
WRONG!*



I...

DON'T  
WANT TO  
HURT  
YOU...

2



...TO THE  
PLACE YOU  
USED TO  
WORK AT..

TO THAT  
POTTERY  
CLASS.

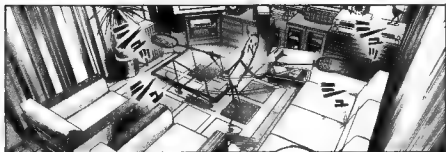
SHALL  
WE GO  
RIGHT  
NOW...?





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ALTHOUGH  
PUNPUN UNDER-  
STOOD THAT HE  
NEEDED SOME-  
THING TO KEEP  
HIM FROM  
OVERFLOWING.

SO IS THERE  
EVEN ANY  
MEANING TO  
PRACTICING  
RIGHT NOW?  
HOW ABOUT  
YOU JUST GO  
TO SLEEP  
EARLY?

BUT IT'S NOT  
LIKE YOU  
WERE EVEN  
CHOSEN TO  
BE A SUBSTITUTE  
PLAYER,  
RIGHT?

PUNPUN IS  
PREPARING  
HIMSELF FOR THE  
PREFECTURAL  
TOURNAMENT  
TOMORROW!!



"THEN  
TANAKA  
WILL BE  
MINE FOR  
THE REST  
OF MY  
LIFE!!!"

"IF I  
WIN..."

I WON'T HAND  
OVER AIKO TO  
SUCH A GUY!!

...DAMN, THAT  
YAGUCHI!!

HE DOESN'T  
DESERVE ANY  
RESPECT!!

JEEZ!! WHAT A  
CAPRICIOUS  
PERSON HE IS!



"PERHAPS  
HE'LL BE  
FORCED TO  
FORFEIT DUE  
TO AN  
INJURY..."



BUT, I JUST  
DON'T KNOW  
WHAT I SHOULD  
DO ABOUT IT.



SO PUNPUN  
STOPPED  
THINKING ABOUT  
IT ANY FURTHER

IN ANY CASE  
THAT'D BE  
UNLIKELY!

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...TO BE  
HONEST, I  
WAS AFRAID.

IF DIDN'T WANT  
TO FIND OUT  
ANYTHING  
ABOUT THE  
HORRIBLE  
TRUTH...

SIGN READS: POTTERY ART CLASS

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YOU QUIT SO  
SUDDENLY BACK  
THEN, DIDN'T  
EVEN HAVE A  
CHANCE TO ASK  
WHY.

IT'S GOOD TO  
SEE YOU AFTER  
SO LONG.

WAS ACTUALLY  
REALLY  
WORRIED ABOUT  
YOU, MR.  
ONODERA.



IT SEEMS  
YOU'RE  
DOING WELL.

BUT TO  
THINK  
YOU'D  
BRING  
SUCH A  
PRETTY  
GIRLFRIEND  
ALONG  
WITH YOU



EVEN  
HE'S DOING  
MUCH  
BETTER  
THESE  
DAYS.

TO TELL YOU  
THE TRUTH,  
WASHIO  
COMES BY  
HERE EVERY  
NOW AND  
THEN TO PLAY  
AS WELL.

AH,  
WELL...  
LAAA...

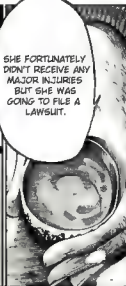
WE BARELY  
TALKED BACK  
THEN BUT NOW  
HE EVEN  
SMILES MUCH  
MORE OFTEN.

YEAH...



.. BUT IT SEEMS  
HER DAUGHTER  
DESPERATELY  
STOPPED HER  
FROM DOING SO.

SHE FORTUNATELY  
DIDN'T RECEIVE ANY  
MAJOR INJURIES  
BUT SHE WAS  
GOING TO FILE A  
LAWSUIT.



UWM...  
WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO MRS.  
YAGI...?

AH.. SHE'S  
HAD HER  
FAIR SHARE  
OF TROUBLE  
SINCE THEN



YOU KNOW,  
THE GIRL  
THAT MRS.  
YAGI  
BROUGHT  
ALONG  
ONE DAY!

THAT PALE  
GIRL WITH  
STRAIGHT  
HAIR!!

..HUH?



I HEARD FROM THE  
OTHER STUDENTS  
THAT SHE'S  
CURRENTLY  
STUDYING AT AN  
ART SCHOOL IN  
KYOTO.

AH,  
THAT'S  
RIGHT

.. I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT HER  
REASON WAS  
THOUGH...



UHM...THIS  
IS A GOOD  
TEA CLIP.

UHH ..  
NO...



...WHAT'S  
WRONG?



.. THAT'S  
SOMETHING  
WASHIO MADE  
FOR THE FIRST  
TIME SINCE 5  
YEARS...



HAHA, SO  
YOU LIKE  
IT, EH?

IT'S A BIT  
SMALL AND  
KIND OF CRUDE  
BUT IT'S VERY  
NICE, RIGHT?



SORRY FOR  
INTRUDING SO  
UNEXPECTEDLY

WELL...  
EXCUSE  
US,



NO, NO.

COME OVER  
ANYTIME YOU  
WANT.



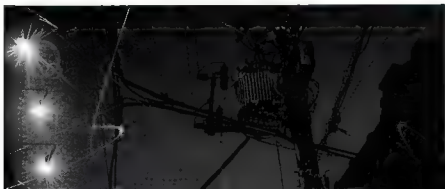
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HOPE WE  
CAN WORK  
TOGETHER  
AGAIN.

AND IF

YOU EVER  
WANT TO  
START DOING  
POTTERY  
AGAIN...







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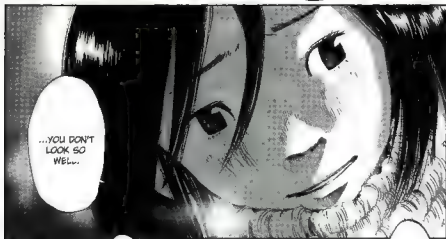
YOU CAN'T  
ERASE WHAT  
HAPPENED IN  
THE PAST AND I  
CAN'T CHANGE  
MY NATURE  
SO EASILY ..

BUT ..

THAT'S  
NOT THE  
IMPORTANT  
THING.

I MIGHT REPEAT  
WHAT I DID ON  
SOMEONE ELSE  
ONE DAY....!!

EVEN IF MY  
FEARS AND  
WORRIES WERE  
GROUNDLESS  
THIS TIME ..



...YOU DON'T  
LOOK SO  
WEL..



SINCE I CAME OUT  
ALL THE WAY TO  
OFUNA, I WAS  
THINKING I MIGHT  
AS WELL AS STOP  
BY MY PARENT'S  
HOME...

WELL ...

WOULD YOU  
LIKE TO COME  
BACK TO MY  
CAFE ONE  
MORE TIME  
BEFORE  
HEADING  
HOME?

IT'S QUITE  
CHILLY  
TODAY  
SO...



HAHA

HAHA.



UHH,  
MIDORI,  
YOUR NOSE  
IS RUNNING  
A BIT...



COULD  
YOU...

THAT'S  
RIGHT, I  
LEFT MY  
MOPED AT  
YOUR  
SHOP...



I'M.

SORRY FOR  
FORCING  
YOU INTO  
DOING A LOT  
OF THINGS  
TODAY.



THANK  
YOU.

FOR  
LISTENING  
TO ME.

NO...  
SAME  
HERE.



I FEEL...  
SOMEWHAT  
BETTER NOW!!

—LAST WEEK—

STEMMED FROM  
MY SENSE OF  
GUILT ABOUT THE  
PAST, WITHOUT A  
DOUBT

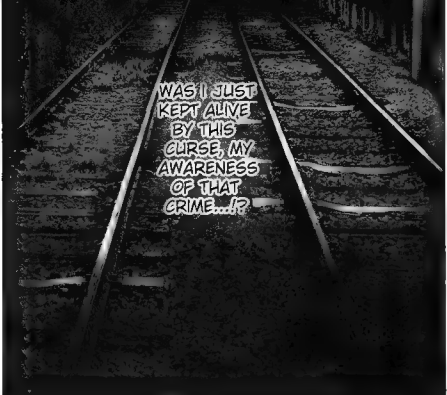
THE GRIEF AND  
TORMENT THAT  
I WAS BURDENED  
WITH FOR  
THESE PAST 5  
YEARS

FEEL MORE  
BURDENED  
AND IN  
SUFFERING  
THAN EVER

...BUT EVEN  
THOUGH I HAD  
NOW REALIZED  
IT

ARMED  
AND  
DANGEROUS

Q.T.R.

A black and white photograph of railroad tracks receding into the distance, creating a strong sense of perspective. The tracks are flanked by gravel and some vegetation.

WAS I JUST  
KEPT ALIVE  
BY THIS  
CURSE, MY  
AWARENESS  
OF THAT  
CRIME...!?

TO SEARCH FOR A  
REASON TO LIVE WHILE  
SUFFERING SO MUCH  
OVER THE CRIME OF  
JUST ONE PERSON...!!

WHAT IF MY  
REASON FOR  
LIVING HAD  
BEEN...

MY SENSE OF GUILT  
HAD TAKEN OVER ME  
TO THAT EXTENT...





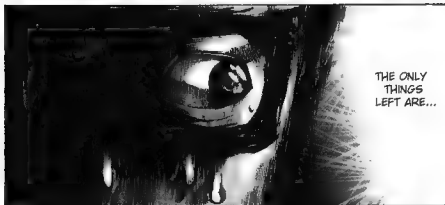
HAS  
NOTHING  
ANYMORE

THE ME  
OF NOW,

...

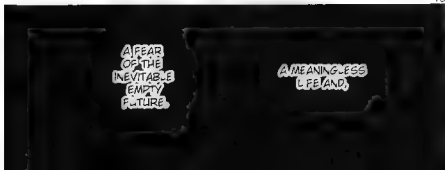


MY  
ATONEMENT  
S'NOW/OVER



THE ONLY  
THINGS  
LEFT ARE...

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A FEAR  
OF THE  
INEVITABLE  
EMPTY  
FUTURE

A MEANINGLESS  
LIFE AND,



信じて

I HAD  
BELIEVED  
IN WAS...

仲様は

僕

THE ONLY  
THING\*,

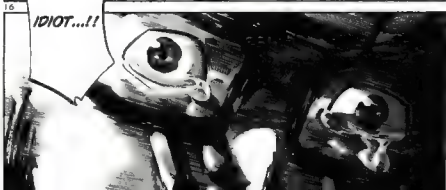
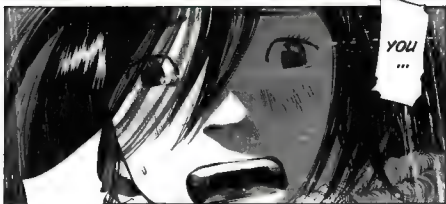
THE KANJI USED FOR "THING" HERE IS GLT

PIRO  
PIRO  
PUU!

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WAS MY  
SENSE OF  
GUILT...?





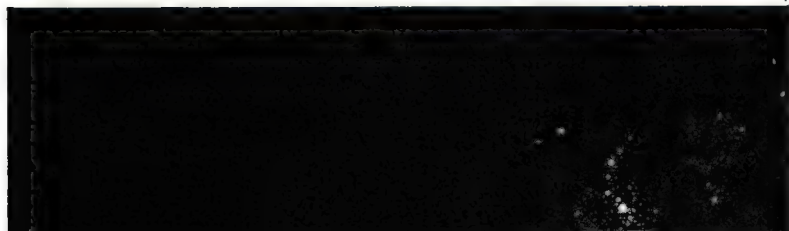
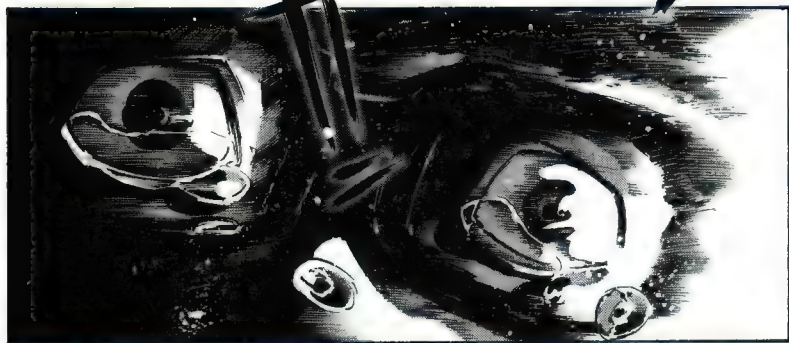




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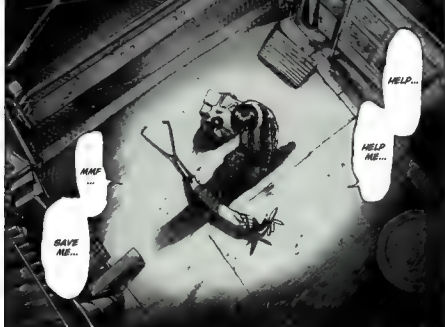


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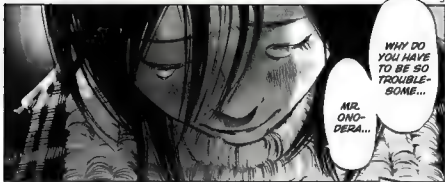
MMF...

SAVE  
ME...

HELP...

HELP  
ME...

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WHY DO  
YOU HAVE  
TO BE SO  
TROUBLE-  
SOME...

MR.  
ONO-  
DERA...



HOGYA  
AAAA!!

HOGYA!!



DON'T  
EVER  
LEAVE ME...

SO  
JUST  
...



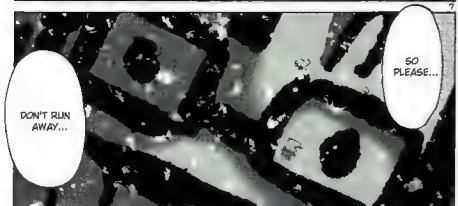
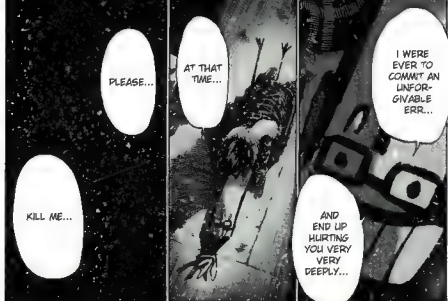
THEN...

IF... IF  
MAYBE...

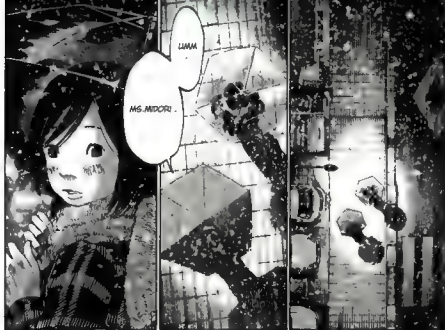


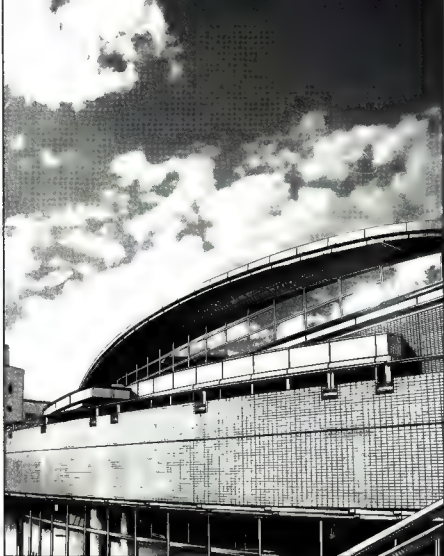
OK...!!

I'LL DO  
WHATEVER  
YOU WISH...!!









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## **PREFECTURAL BADMINTON TOURNAMENT**



AFTER THE  
2ND SET,  
HIS OPPONENT  
STARTED  
CRYING

I'VE NEVER  
SEEN SUCH  
A MATCH.



DID YOU SEE  
KOMATSU'S  
MATCH THIS  
NOON?



THE ONLY  
OTHER PERSON  
STILL REMAINING  
FROM OUR  
SCHOOL IS  
YAGUCHI.



IT'S CRAZY,  
MAN. HE'S  
INVINCIBLE.



AT HIS LAST  
SCHOOL, HE WAS  
CHOSEN AS ONE  
OF THE REP  
PLAYERS FOR  
THE TOURNAMENT  
EVEN THOUGH HE  
WAS ONLY A 1ST  
YEAR.

HAHAHA, BUT  
EVEN IF HE  
WINS HERE,  
HE'LL HAVE TO  
FACE KOMATSU  
FOR 1ST PLACE

YAGURA'S  
NEXT OPPONENT IS..

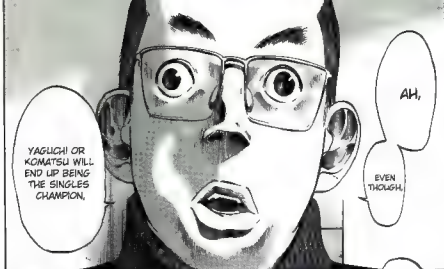
A STUDENT THAT  
RECENTLY  
TRANSFERRED  
TO NISHINAKA  
CALLED  
MUSHIYAKOUJI!



I FEEL  
SORRY  
FOR  
YAGUCHI.

HE'S  
FINISHED.





YAGUCHI OR  
KOMATSU WILL  
END UP BEING  
THE SINGLES  
CHAMPION.

AH,

EVEN  
THOUGH.



AND TO  
THOSE  
SITTING IN  
THE BENCHES,  
MAKE SURE  
TO CHEER ON  
YOUR  
TEAMMATES!!

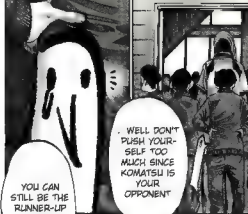
SO  
DON'T DO  
ANYTHING  
RECKLESS.

LET'S NOT  
FORGET TO  
PAY  
RESPECT  
TO THE  
OTHER  
PLAYERS.

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ALRIGHT,  
DISMI-  
SSED!



YOU CAN  
STILL BE THE  
RUNNER-UP  
WINNER...

WE'LL DON'T  
PUSH YOUR-  
SELF TOO  
MUCH SINCE  
KOMATSU IS  
YOUR  
OPPONENT



HMM?

WHAT'S  
WRONG,  
YAGUCHI?

NO, IT'S  
NOTHING.



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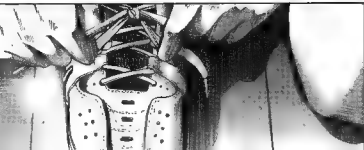
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AIKO IS LOOKING  
OVER HERE!!

WE SHALL  
NOW  
COMMENCE  
THE BOYS  
SINGLES FINAL  
MATCH!!





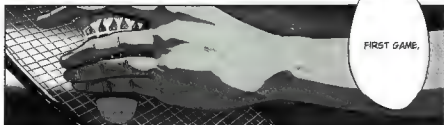
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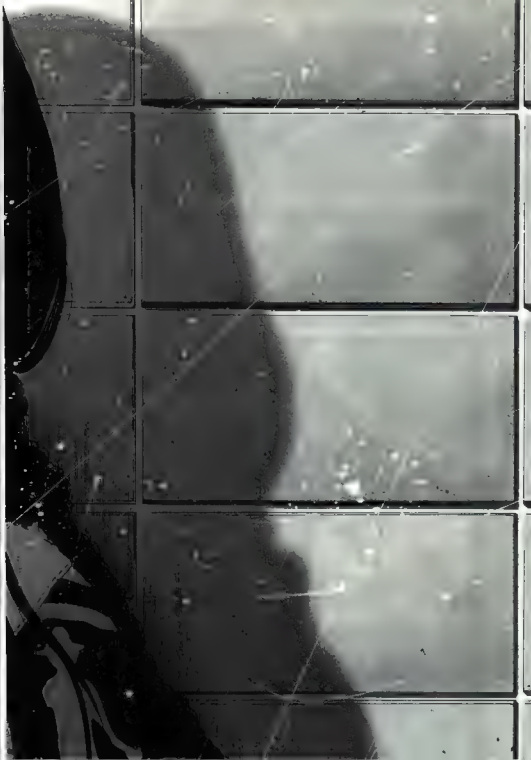


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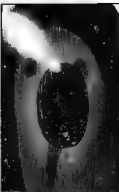
FOUND HIMSELF UNABLE  
TO MOVE EVEN A SINGLE  
MUSCLE FOR SOME  
REASON.

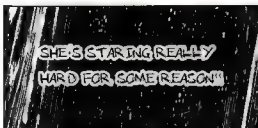
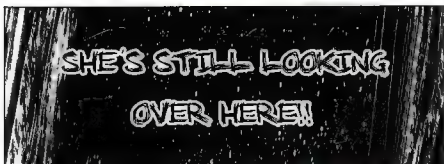
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STARED SO  
INTENTLY AT  
AKO'S EYES.

IT WAS THE  
FIRST TIME  
PUNPUN

AS HE STARED AT  
HER ROUND BEAUTI-  
FUL EYES, PUNPUN  
WONDERED IN WHAT  
WAY WAS HIS FORM  
REFLECTED IN IT.





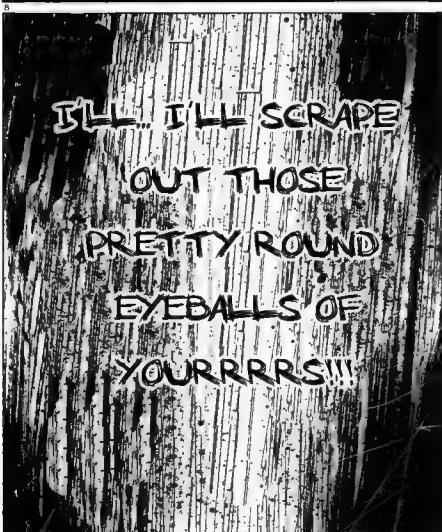
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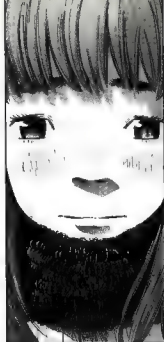




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IF YOU LOOK AT ME LIKE  
THAT... IF YOU LOOK  
AT ME LIKE THAT..!!





AND  
MAYBE  
I'LL KISS  
THOSE  
TENDER  
LIPS...?



PUNPUN WAS AT HIS  
LIMIT, HE WAS ABOUT  
TO EXPLODE!!

BELOW ARE WEAVING PUNPUN

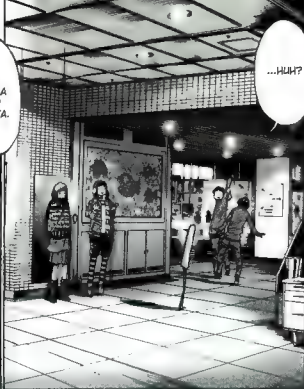
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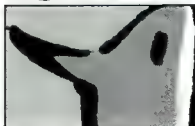


IT'S  
TANAKA  
AND  
YAMATA.

WHY ARE  
YOU GUYS  
HERE?



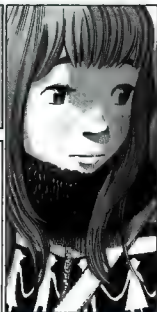
...HUH?



SAVED BY  
A HAIR'S  
BREADTH.

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PLNPLN, QUICKLY  
TURNED THE SITUATION  
AROUND AND WAS NOW  
PLAYING IT COOL!! AS  
EXPECTED, FROM OUR  
DEAR PLNPLN!!





DIDN'T YOU  
COME HERE  
TO SEE  
YAGUCHI?

DIDN'T THE  
MATCH  
ALREADY  
START?

I GOT IT, SO  
THAT'S WHY  
YOU'RE  
HERE.

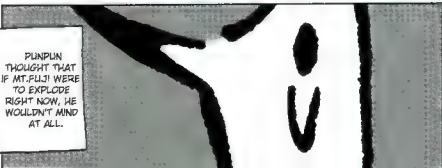
YEAH,  
YEAH.



TANAKA WILL  
BE MINE FOR  
THE REST OF  
MY LIFE!!



AT THE  
TOURNAMENT  
NEXT WEEK,  
IF I WIN



PUNPUN  
THOUGHT THAT  
IF MT. FUJI WERE  
TO EXPLODE  
RIGHT NOW, HE  
WOULDN'T MIND  
AT ALL.







...NO  
WAY.

KOMATSU

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YAGURA

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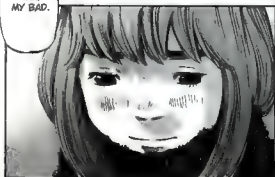
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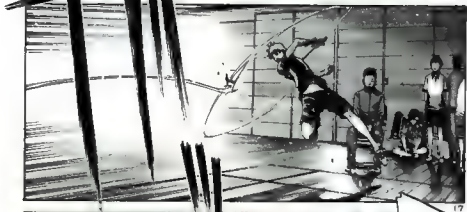
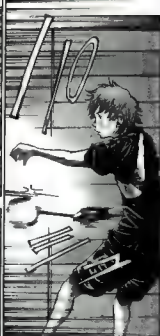
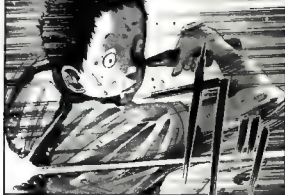
...AH,  
MY BAD.





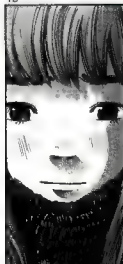
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FOR SOME  
REASON,  
PUNPUN HAD A  
VERY OMINOUS  
PREMONITION





HE WONDERED  
MAYBE NOTHING IN  
HIS ENTIRE LIFE  
WAS DESTINED TO  
TURN OUT FAVOR-  
ABLY FOR HIM



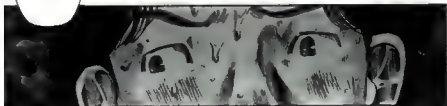


IN? OR  
OUT?

WHAT'S  
THE CALL?



HEY,  
REFEREE



W/BE THE  
WORST CASE  
SCENARIO  
THEY'D EVEN  
END UP HAVIN  
SEX IN HIS  
ROOM

HE WAS SURE THAT  
AGUCHI WOULD WIN  
AND ON THE WAY  
HOME HE'D BE  
SSING A

2.



AH,  
KOMA-  
TSU.

HOW  
PATHETIC  
FOR HIM TO  
BE ARGUING  
OVER A  
SINGLE  
POINT

WE SHOULD HAVE  
NEVER AGREED  
TO THAT BET.

YES IF THINGS  
WERE GOING TO  
TURN OUT LIKE  
THIS

WERE  
YOU EVEN  
LOOKING!

WHAT,  
INI!??

ARE YOU  
TRYING TO  
MAKE A  
FOOL OUT  
OF MY  
BEAUTIFUL  
WINS!??

THAT WAS  
AN OUT  
YOU GOD-  
DAMNED  
PATHETIC  
IDIOT!

IT WAS  
OUT.



...LET'S  
KEEP IT  
FAIR.

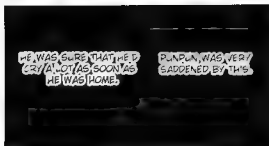
IT WAS  
CLOSE BUT  
IT WAS OUT.  
IT'S  
KOMATSU'S  
POINT.

I SAW  
IT.

IT'S ALRIGHT IF YOU  
FORGOT. I DON'T  
REALLY REMEMBER  
MANY PEOPLE BACK  
FROM MIDDLE  
SCHOOL EITHER!!

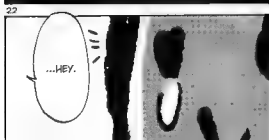
TO BE HONEST, I MADE A BET ON  
YOU ON A BADMINTON MATCH BACK  
IN MIDDLE SCHOOL. WONDER HOW  
THINGS WOULD HAVE TURNED OUT  
IF I'VE LOST. HAHAA... DO YOU STILL  
REMEMBER A GUY CALLED  
ONODERA?

YES MANY YEARS  
LATER, THE ALWAYS  
COOL-LOOKING YAGUCHI  
WILL TELL AIKO THIS ON  
THE DAY BEFORE THEIR  
MARRIAGE.

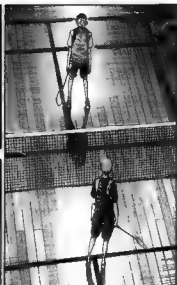


HE WAS SURE THAT HE'D  
CRY A LOT AS SOON AS  
HE WAS HOME.

PUNPUN WAS VERY  
SADDENED BY THIS.



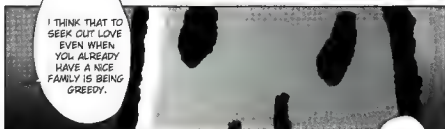
...HEY.





...I WONDER  
WHY IT IS,

THAT OTHER  
PEOPLE  
FALL IN  
LOVE WITH  
OTHERS...?



I THINK THAT TO  
SEEK OUT LOVE  
EVEN WHEN  
YOU ALREADY  
HAVE A NICE  
FAMILY IS BEING  
GREEDY.



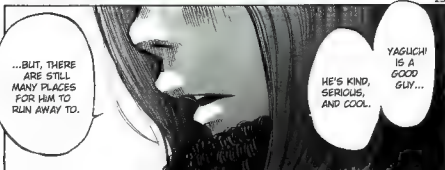
...BUT I  
DISLIKE  
THAT.

I DON'T CARE  
IF I HAVE TO  
THROW AWAY  
ALL ELSE, I  
JUST WANT  
YOU TO LOOK  
AT ME.

NO MATTER  
HOW MUCH  
YOU LIKE  
ANOTHER  
PERSON,

YOU CAN  
NEVER BE WITH  
THAT PERSON  
FOREVER.

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...BUT, THERE  
ARE STILL  
MANY PLACES  
FOR HIM TO  
RUN AWAY TO.

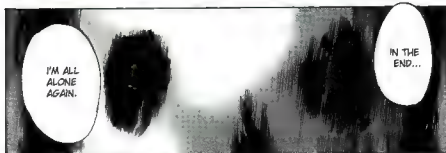
HE'S KIND,  
SERIOUS,  
AND COOL.

YAGUCHI  
IS A  
GOOD  
GUY...



CAN FIND  
HAPPINESS  
EVEN IF I'M  
NOT WITH  
HIM.

I'M SURE  
THAT HE...



I'M ALL  
ALONE  
AGAIN.

IN THE  
END...

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YOU UNDER-  
STAND MY  
FEELINGS,  
DON'T YOU?

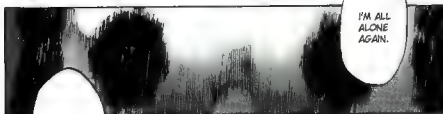
PUNPUN,







IN THE  
END...



I'M ALL  
ALONE  
AGAIN.

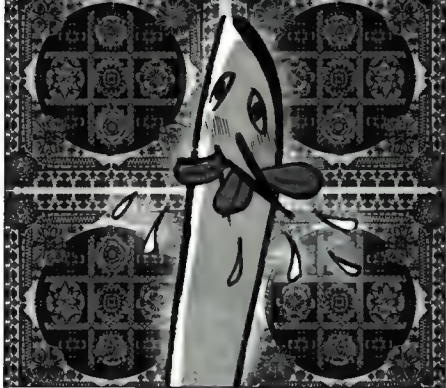


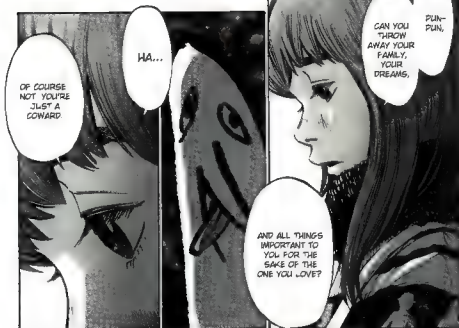
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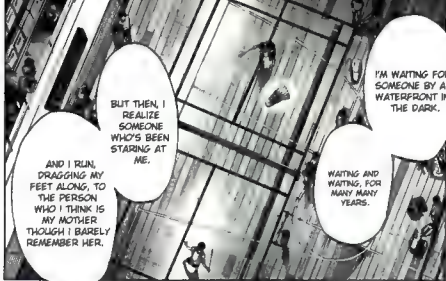


YOU UNDER-  
STAND MY  
FEELINGS,  
DON'T YOU?

REGARDLESS OF WHETHER  
HE UNDERSTOOD OR NOT,  
THE WARMTH OF AIKO'S  
HAND LED PUNPUN  
UNEXPECTEDLY.







AND I RUN,  
DRAGGING MY  
FEET ALONG, TO  
THE PERSON  
WHO I THINK IS  
MY MOTHER  
THOUGH I BARELY  
REMEMBER HER.

BUT THEN, I  
REALIZE  
SOMEONE  
WHO'S BEEN  
STARING AT  
ME.

WAITING AND  
WAITING, FOR  
MANY MANY  
YEARS.

I'M WAITING FOR  
SOMEONE BY A  
WATERFRONT IN  
THE DARK.



.. BUT THEN  
WHEN I LOOK  
CAREFULLY, I  
REALIZE IT WAS  
JUST A  
REFLECTION OF  
MYSELF IN THE  
WATER.



AND I  
WAKE UP

AND THEN  
I FEEL SO  
LONELY.



THAT MY  
DYING  
MOMENT IS  
GOING TO  
BE THAT  
LONELY.

...I GET  
DEPRESSED  
WHENEVER I  
THINK,



WROTE HOW  
WANTED TO  
BECOME AN  
ACTRESS OR  
SINGER WHEN  
I GROW UP.

... I WANTED A  
LOT OF OTHER  
PEOPLE TO  
KNOW AND  
LIKE ME.

OF THE TIME  
WHEN WE  
WROTE THAT  
ESSAY BACK  
IN ELEMEN-  
TARY  
SCHOOL ...

DO YOU  
REMEM-  
BER?



IT'S  
ALRIGHT IF  
IT'S ONLY  
ONE OTHER  
PERSON.

BUT I'M  
DIFFERENT  
NOW.



WE'D BE SO  
CLOSE AS  
TO NOT  
ALLOW EVEN  
A GAP OF  
DISTANCE  
BETWEEN  
US.

AND WE'D  
UNDERSTAND  
EVERYTHING  
ABOUT EACH  
OTHER.

JUST A  
SINGLE  
PERSON.

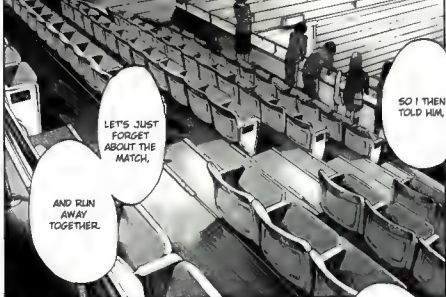


I DON'T NEED  
ANYTHING  
ELSE.

AS LONG AS I  
CAN BE WITH  
A PERSON  
LIKE THAT,







LET'S JUST  
FORGET  
ABOUT THE  
MATCH,

AND RUN  
AWAY  
TOGETHER.

SO I THEN  
TOLD HIM,



BUT HE SAID  
HE DIDN'T  
UNDERSTAND  
WHAT I  
MEANT AND  
LAUGHED...



IT'S AN  
IMPORTANT  
MATCH, YOU  
SHOULD BE  
WATCHING!

TANAKA,  
WHAT'RE  
YOU TALKING  
TO PUNPUN  
FOR?



THAT HE'S  
DIFFERENT  
FROM ME

WE'RE TWO  
WORLDS  
APART

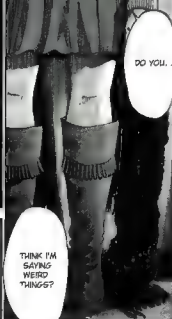
AND THEN I  
REALIZED IT.



"AIKO NO  
AIKO, YOUR  
FEELINGS"

NO...

YOU  
UNDER-  
STAND,  
DON'T YOU  
PUNPUN?



DO YOU...

THINK I'M  
SAYING  
WEIRD  
THINGS?



ON THAT DAY SHE PLANNED TO  
GO ALL THE WAY TO KAGOSHIMA  
WITH A BAG AS LARGE AS HER  
SLUNG OVER HER SHOULDERS

WONDER IF SHE'S STILL  
WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO  
COME MEET HER



GOD COMES WHEN,  
CHANT, DEAR GOD,  
DEAR GOD, TINKLE TOY

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IF I  
SQUEEZE  
BACKAHO'S  
HAND RIGHT  
NOW.

OF COURSE  
BACKIN  
THOSE DAYS,  
HE WOULD  
COME EVEN  
WITHOUT  
BEING  
CALLED



HOY!!

SHE MIGHT EVEN  
SHOW ME HER  
UNDERWEAR AND  
OTHER  
REGIONS!!

YO YO!

SHE MIGHT  
FORGIVE THE  
FACT THAT I  
BROKE OUR  
PROMISE

THAT SHE  
LIKES ME  
ONE MORE  
TIME...

SHE MIGHT  
EVEN SAY,

...BUT THERE'S STILL THAT!!  
PERHAPS I SHOULD JUST PUT AS DE  
THAT BET WITH YAGUCHI FOR NOW,  
AND DEAL WITH THIS SITUATION  
FIRST!! HOW LOG CAL PUNPUN(S!!



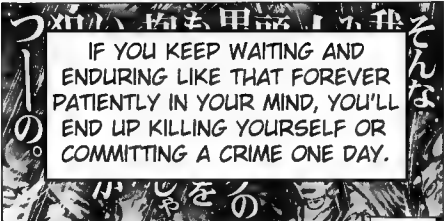


"...HEY PUNPUN,  
CAN YOU STOP  
THE NICE GUY  
ACT ALREADY?"



SAY THAT.

SHE  
MIGHT...



IF YOU KEEP WAITING AND  
ENDURING LIKE THAT FOREVER  
PATIENTLY IN YOUR MIND, YOU'LL  
END UP KILLING YOURSELF OR  
COMMITTING A CRIME ONE DAY.



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WAS VERY  
CONFUSED.

PUNPUN,

い生欲だ

SO IT'S BETTER  
TO LIVE GREEDILY.

まんば

HE FELT  
SOMETHING  
INTENSE THAT  
HE'D NEVER  
FELT BEFORE.

AS THE  
DARK  
MIDDINESS  
CLOUDED HIS  
MIND,

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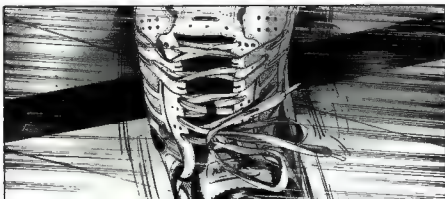
JUST FALL  
AS LOW AS  
POSSIBLE.

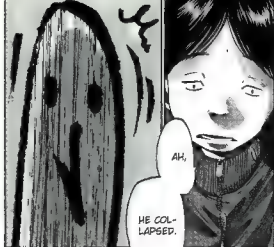
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HE WAS  
DRIFTING  
IN SPACE.

IT WAS  
AS IF...







AH,

HE COL-  
LAPSED.



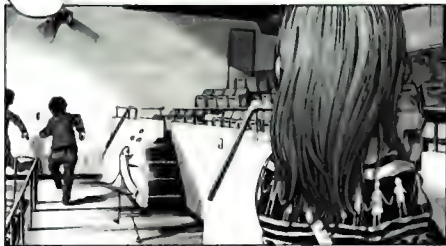
...DID  
YOU,

JUST  
HEAR A  
WEIRD  
NOISE?











NO WONDER  
YOUR RIGHT  
LEG SEEMED  
AWKWARD.

IS IT THE  
CHRONIC  
ACHILLES  
TENDON?

WHY DIDN'T  
YOU SAY  
ANYTHING  
...?



EVEN IF  
HE LOST

EVEN  
THOUGH HE  
WOULD  
HAVE STILL  
ADVANCED,

...HE'S  
FINISHED.



AND YOU  
UNNECESSAR-  
ILY PUT TOO  
MUCH OF A  
STRAIN ON  
YOUR LEFT  
LEG

IF YOUR  
TENDON  
HAS TORN,  
YOU'LL BE  
OUT FOR 2  
MONTHS.

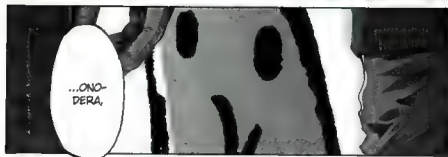


YOUR  
MOTHER IS  
VERY  
PROUD!!

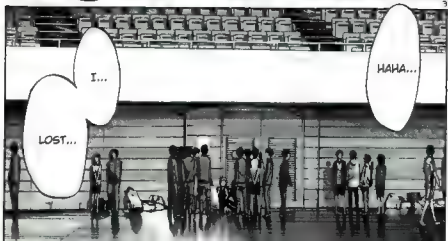
...MAMORL,  
I THINK YOU  
PLAYED  
VERY  
WELL!



DON'T  
TOUCH  
ME!!



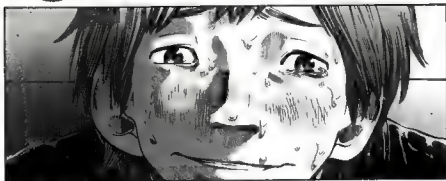
...ONO-  
DERA,

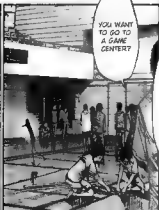
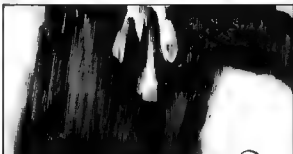


I...

LOST...

HAHA...







THE LEAST  
BIT HAPPY.

WAS NOT  
EVEN,

IN FACT, PUNPUN FELT IT  
WAS HIS FAULT THAT  
YAGUCHI OVEREXERTED  
HIMSELF AND ENDED UP  
BEING INJURED. IT WAS  
TOO MUCH FOR PUNPUN  
TO BEAR.

NO, THAT'S WRONG.  
ALTHOUGH HE PRETENDED  
TO BE A GOOD CHILD IN  
HIS HEAD, PUNPUN WAS  
REALLY A DISHONEST  
CHILD.



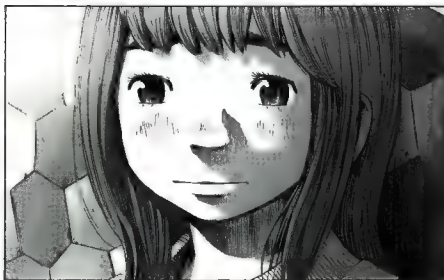
PUNPUN.



IT WAS AS IF  
ANOTHER SELF  
EXISTED INSIDE  
IN HIS HEAD.

ARE  
YOU  
GOING  
HOME?

HE DIDN'T WANT  
TO ADMIT IT, BUT  
FOR A MOMENT,  
HE FELT GOOD  
TO BETRAY AND  
KICK A PERSON  
ON THE GROUND.



WAS  
REFLECTED IN  
AKO'S PURE  
ROUND EYES.

HE WAS SURE  
THAT HIS  
DESPICABLE  
DISGUSTING  
SELF.

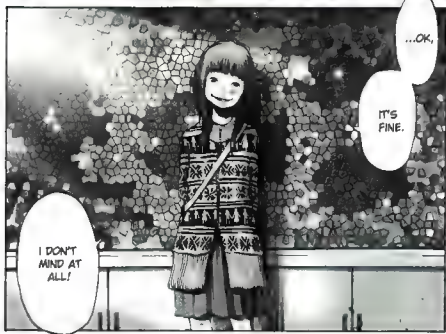


"I'M SORRY. THAT I COULDN'T  
KEEP OUR PROMISE TO GO TO  
KAGOSHIMA ON THAT DAY."



HE LONGED TO JUST  
SAY THIS TO HER.

PUNPUN AT LAST  
UNDERSTOOD THAT FOR  
THE PAST TWO YEARS



I DON'T  
MIND AT  
ALL!

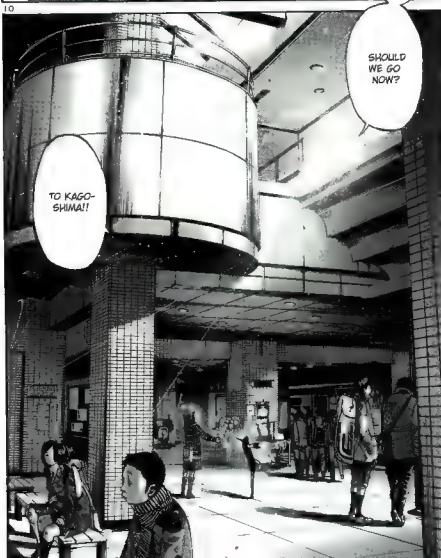
IT'S  
FINE.

...OK,

THE END



THEN...



TO KAGO-SHIMA!!

SHOULD  
WE GO  
NOW?



PUNPUN FEET

HE WOULD FALL AND  
FALL BELOW TO THE  
DEEPEST DEPTHS OF  
DARKNESS.

YOU  
WOULDN'T  
LIE, RIGHT?

PUNPUN,

THAT IF HE WERE  
TO TAKE JUST ONE  
STEP CLOSER TO  
AIKO THEN AND  
THERE,



PUNPUN  
MUSTERED  
HIS COURAGE  
AND SPOKE.



...WHAT?



WHY...?

"YAGUCHI NEEDS  
YOU MORE THAN  
ANYTHING RIGHT  
NOW."

"PLEASE GO RIGHT  
NOW TO YAGUCHI"



RUNPUN WAS TOO SCARED TO  
EVEN TURN AND LOOK BACK.

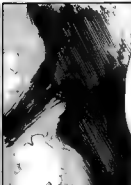


PUNPUN COULD  
CLEARLY SEE  
HIS VILE SELF  
REFLECTED  
CLEARLY.

THANKS TO THE  
PURE WHITE SNOW  
THAT HAD FALLEN  
LAST NIGHT.

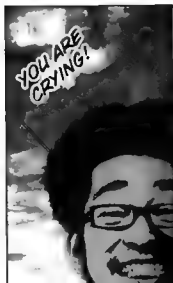
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IF POSSIBLE, HE WISHED  
FOR THE PURE WHITE  
SNOW TO MELT AND  
WITH IT, FOR EVERYTHING  
ELSE TO DISAPPEAR AS  
WELL.



PUNPUN.

WHICH DO  
YOU PREFER,  
BESTIALITY  
OR NECRO-  
PHILIA?



おやすみプンプン  
浅野いにお

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YOUNG SUNDAY COMICS



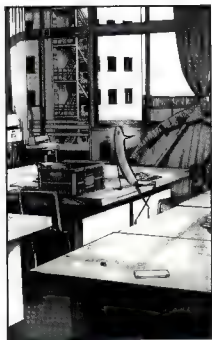


...I AM NOT  
CRYING!!!

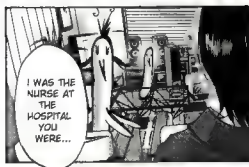


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"GOODBYE...  
AIKO."









SUCH A  
GOOD  
GIRL!

OH  
PLEAAASE!

THERE'S NO  
WAAAY I'D  
HAVE  
FORGOTTEN!

IF I WERE A  
MAN, I'D BE  
ALL OVER  
HER IF YOU  
KNOW WHAT  
I MEAN!!

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SHE  
SEEMS AS  
LIVELY AS  
EVER.

...SORRY  
ABOUT  
MY  
SISTER.

KYA  
HA  
HA  
HA!

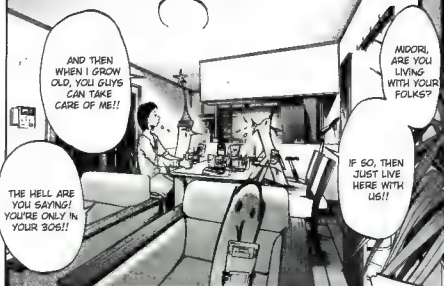
ISN'T THIS  
FUN!!

SHUT UP,  
GOD  
YOU'RE SO  
BLUNT.

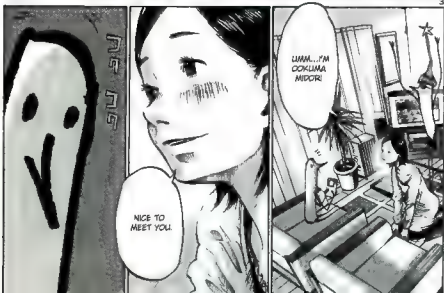
SHOULD I  
OPEN UP A  
ROOM SO  
YOU CAN...  
'STAY' WITH  
HER  
TONIGHT?

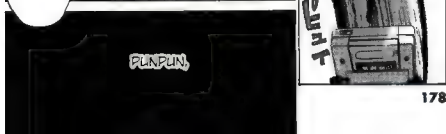
YU-  
ICHI!

DAMN, YOU  
SURE HIT  
THE  
JACKPOT!!



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落ち

...HAHAHA!  
FALL, FALL,  
FALL! LOWER  
AND LOWER!!

「は」  
「の」  
「!!」

氣落深

YOU FEEL LIKE  
YOU'RE FALLING  
DEEPER AND  
DEEPER IN TO  
DARKNESS?

どうな

DO YOU EVEN HAVE  
A DREAM SO  
IMPORTANT TO YOU  
THAT YOU CAN'T  
GIVE UP ON IT?

あきらめられないような

"ONCE I HIT 40,  
I'M GOING TO  
GET PLASTIC  
SURGERY!!!"



上等な家族がい

捨てるのが惜し

DO YOU EVEN HAVE  
A GOOD ENOUGH FAMILY,  
FOR YOU TO FEEL  
REGRET WHEN YOU  
THROW THEM AWAY?

人々が  
知った  
AND IN THAT LIFE, DID  
YOU KNOW A PERSON  
ONLY HAS 2 CHOICES  
TO CHOOSE FROM?

生で  
選択肢は  
しかないそ  
に?

...PUNPUN, NO MATTER  
WHAT KIND OF LIFE A  
PERSON LEADS, THEY  
WILL ALWAYS DIE IN  
THE END. THAT IS  
ONLY FAIR.

いつか死ぬ  
は平等だ

TO DO OR  
NOT TO DO!  
THAT'S IT!!



FLINPUN  
THOUGHT,

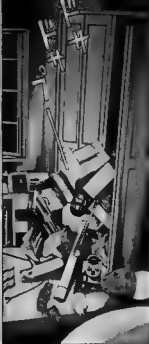
HOW  
WONDERFUL IT  
WOULD BE,

HE JUST WANTED TO  
BE FORGOTTEN BY  
EVERYONE.

HE DIDN'T WANT TO HURT  
ANYONE. HE DIDN'T WANT  
TO TALK TO ANYONE.

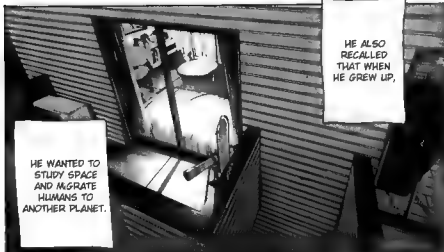
IF HE COULD SLEEP  
PEACEFULLY  
WITHOUT THINKING  
ANYTHING!!





HAILO WOULD RUN  
OUT AND HUMANS  
WOULD DESTROY THE  
ENVIRONMENT,  
RESULTING IN THE  
EXTINCTION.

HE SUDDENLY  
REMEMBERED WHAT  
THAT GIRL TANAKA  
HAD TOLD HIM LONG  
AGO.



HE WANTED TO  
STUDY SPACE  
AND MIGRATE  
HUMANS TO  
ANOTHER PLANET.

HE ALSO  
RECALLED  
THAT WHEN  
HE GREW UP,



I WAS SUCH A  
KID BACK THEN.

PUNPIN  
THOUGHT  
TO HIMSELF,

THE STARRY  
SKY THAT  
LOOKED CLOSE  
ENOUGH TO  
REACH WITH  
HIS HANDS  
WHEN HE WAS  
A KID,

NOW  
LOOKED,

SO FAR  
AWAY.

I'M AT MY  
LIMIT... !!

I DON'T  
CARE!

YU-  
YUWICH!!

I DIDN'T  
PLAN TO  
STAY HERE  
FOR THAT  
REASON .

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RUNPLIN FELT THAT  
HUMANITY MAY OR  
MAY NOT GO  
EXTINCT.

AH

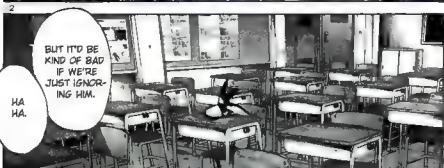
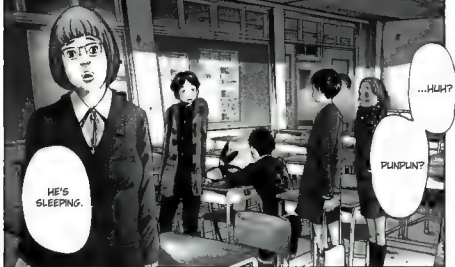
NO .

AND THEY'LL  
HEAR US...

NN...

IT'S FINE,  
THEY'RE  
DEEP  
ASLEEP!







I'VE ALREADY SAID  
COUNTLESS OF  
TIMES, AND IT'S  
ALREADY THE 3RD  
SEMESTER. ISN'T IT  
ABOUT TIME YOU  
GAVE IT SERIOUS  
THOUGHT?

SOCIAL STUDIES  
REFERENCE ROOM

SEKI.



FINE, DO  
WHAT YOU  
WANT.



I HAVE NO  
INTENTION OF  
GOING TO  
HIGH SCHOOL.

I'VE SAID IT  
COUNTLESS  
OF TIMES  
TOO, SIR.

EVEN IF SOMEONE  
LIKE ME STUDIES,  
I'LL ONLY LEARN  
HOW TO BE  
CRAFTY.





DID YOU  
DECIDE IF  
YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
HIGH  
SCHOOL?

HEY,  
SHIMIZU...

SORRY  
FOR  
MAKING  
YOU WAIT,  
SHIMIZU.

学年一斉面談  
四組：図書室  
五組：進路指導  
六組：社会



TO STUDY A  
LOT AND GO  
TO A GOOD  
SCHOOL?

WASN'T IT  
YOU WHO  
TOLD ME...

THINGS  
TOOK  
UNEXP-  
ECTEDLY  
LONGER.



THAT'S  
GOOD.

BEING  
NORMAL IS  
BEST FOR  
YOU.

..I GUESS  
IT WAS







..THERE'S  
NOTHING  
REALLY FOR ME  
TO SAY TO YOU  
PERSONALLY ..

AH,  
ONG-  
DERA ..

YOUR ATTITUDE  
IN CLASS IS  
AVERAGE, YOUR  
GRADES ARE  
AVERAGE TOO.  
HASN'T GONE  
UP NOR GONE  
DOWN ..

DO YOU HAVE  
ANY DREAMS  
OR GOALS?



FUNFUN  
THOUGHT  
VERY HARD.



BUT HE COULDN'T THINK  
OF ANYTHING SO HE  
ENDED UP SAYING, "I  
WANT TO BECOME A  
SCIENTIST WHO STUDIES  
SPACE SO I CAN SAVE  
THE WORLD."

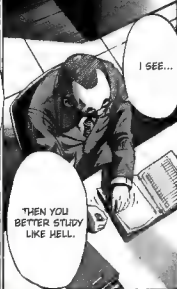


HA  
HA  
HA  
HA



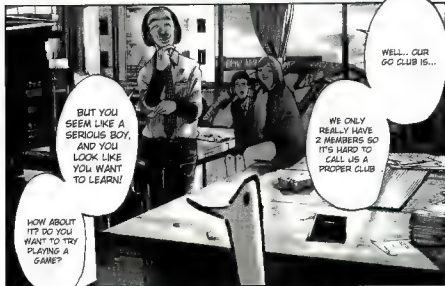
DID YOU  
CHOOSE  
ANOTHER  
CLUB?

OH, I HEARD  
YOU QUIT THE  
BADMINTON  
CLUB.



I SEE...

THEN YOU  
BETTER STUDY  
LIKE HELL.



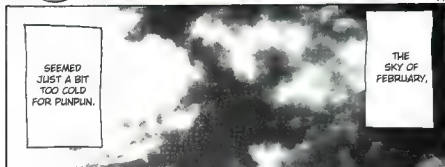
BUT YOU  
SEEM LIKE A  
SERIOUS BOY,  
AND YOU  
LOOK LIKE  
YOU WANT  
TO LEARN!

HOW ABOUT  
IT? DO YOU  
WANT TO TRY  
PLAYING A  
GAME?

WELL... OUR  
GO CLUB IS...

WE ONLY  
REALLY HAVE  
2 MEMBERS SO  
IT'S HARD TO  
CALL US A  
PROPER CLUB.

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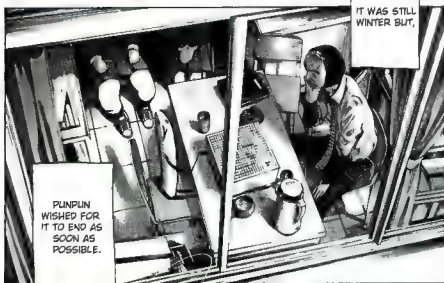


SEEMED  
JUST A BIT  
TOO COLD  
FOR PUNPUN.

THE  
SKY OF  
FEBRUARY,



IT WAS STILL  
WINTER BUT,

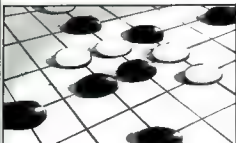


PUNPUN  
WISHED FOR  
IT TO END AS  
SOON AS  
POSSIBLE.

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...HE CAN  
DO IT!!

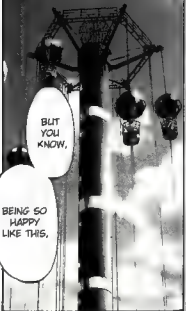






IT'S SO  
PEACEFUL  
UP HERE.

YES  
IT IS.



BUT  
YOU  
KNOW,

BEING SO  
HAPPY  
LIKE THIS,

THE WEATHER AT  
THE AMUSEMENT  
PARK THAT  
PUNPUN WAS  
TAKEN TO BY  
HIS UNCLE WAS  
VERY NICE AND  
PEACEFUL, UNLIKE  
HIS FEELINGS.



MAKES  
ME FEEL  
A BIT  
UNEASY,



HEY, HEY  
NOW.

DID MY  
PESSIMISM  
SPREAD  
TO YOU  
TOO?

SINCE I CAN'T  
HELP BUT  
WONDER HOW  
LONG THESE  
HAPPY TIMES  
WILL CONTINUE  
ON FOR.



SO YOU  
BETTER  
ENJOY IT  
WHILE YOU  
CAN, RIGHT?

TRUE  
HAPPINESS  
ONLY  
LASTS FOR  
A BRIEF  
TIME,





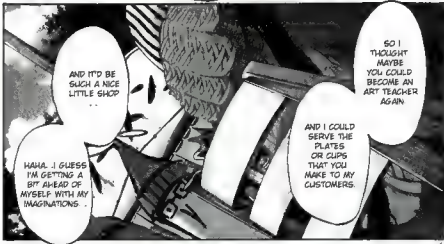
IF HE COULD  
JUST LEND THE  
STORE TO ME  
AS IT IS RIGHT  
NOW, SAID I  
CAN DEFINITELY  
AT LEAST  
MAINTAIN IT.

I MAY NOT HAVE  
ENOUGH MONEY  
OR THE EXACT  
QUALIFICATIONS  
BUT,

I ASKED HIM  
IF HE WOULD  
LEND THE  
SHOP TO ME...



...AND RIGHT NOW,  
YOU'RE WONDER-  
ING WHETHER OR  
NOT TO START  
WORKING AT THE  
POTTERY CLASS  
AGAIN, RIGHT?



AND IT'D BE  
SUCH A NICE  
LITTLE SHOP

HAHA. I GUESS  
I'M GETTING A  
BIT AHEAD OF  
MYSELF WITH MY  
IMAGINATIONS.

SO I  
THOUGHT  
MAYBE  
YOU COULD  
BECOME AN  
ART TEACHER  
AGAIN.

AND I COULD  
SERVE THE  
PLATES  
OR CUPS  
THAT YOU  
MAKE TO MY  
CUSTOMERS.



BUT THE  
OWNER  
AGREED

HE SAID HE'D  
EVEN GIVE  
ME A DIS-  
COUNT ON  
THE RENT.

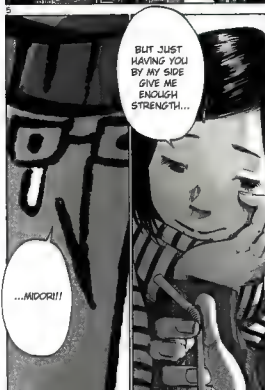


MIDORI

TO BE  
ABLE TO  
TURN YOUR  
DREAM...

INTO  
REALITY...

YOU'RE  
QUITE BRAVE  
AREN'T  
YOU..



BUT JUST  
HAVING YOU  
BY MY SIDE  
GIVE ME  
ENOUGH  
STRENGTH...

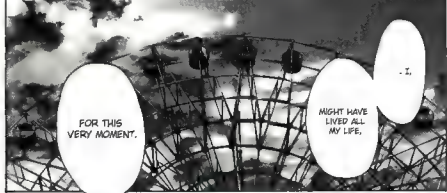
...MIDORI!!



I DON'T  
THINK I  
COULD DO  
ANYTHING  
BY MYSELF.

NO...

TO BE  
HONEST, YOU  
MAY NOT BE  
THE MOST  
DEPENDABLE  
PERSON.



AND TO THINK THAT  
EACH PERSON HAS  
THEIR OWN LIVES AND  
STORIES OVERWHELMING  
PUNPUN A LITTLE

THE PEOPLE SEEN  
BELOW ALL THE WAY  
ABOVE FROM THE  
FERRIS WHEEL  
LOOKED SO TINY  
JUST LIKE ANTS

LET'S  
PROMISE!!





LET'S GET  
MARRIED!!

ONCE WE'VE  
BOTH  
SETTLED  
DOWN AT  
OUR JOBS...



...HIS OWN EXISTENCE  
WAS PROBABLY AS  
UNNOTICEABLE AS A DUST  
FLUTTERING ABOVE IN THE  
SKIES

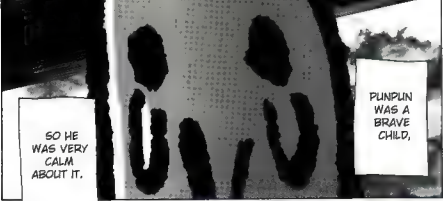
WHAT YOU  
SAID TO  
YOUR LAST  
GIRLFRIEND?

...HAH,

ISN'T  
THAT,

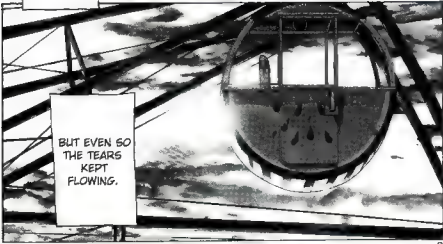
I'M  
SERIOUS!

BUT  
THIS  
TIME  
...



SO HE  
WAS VERY  
CALM  
ABOUT IT.

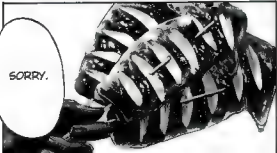
PUNPLIN  
WAS A  
BRAVE  
CHILD,



BUT EVEN SO  
THE TEARS  
KEPT  
FLOWING.

BUT BEFORE HE  
KNEW IT, IT WAS  
TIME TO EXIT THE  
FERRIS WHEEL.

HE TRIED HIS  
HARDEST TO  
THINK WHY HE  
WAS CRYING



SORRY.



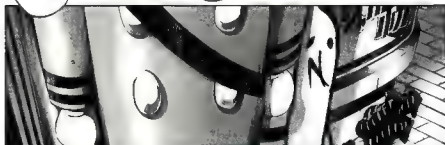
HEY, HEY,  
BOY!  
EATING 3  
SKEWERED  
SQUIDS BY  
YOURSELF

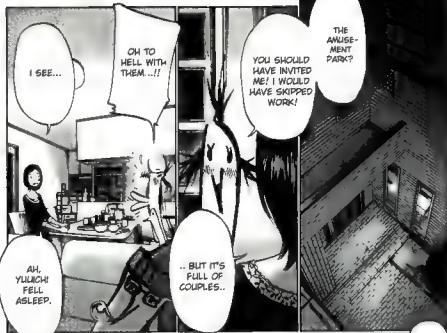
THAT'S  
PRETTY  
MANLY,  
YOU LITTLE  
BUGGER!

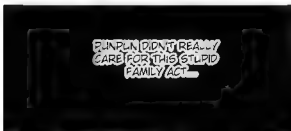
SORRY FOR  
LEAVING YOU TO  
PLAY ON YOUR  
OWN AND THEN  
MAKING YOU WAIT  
HERE FOR US.

I'M  
REALLY  
SORRY!

HE HAD  
JUST A FEW  
TOO MANY  
DRINKS...



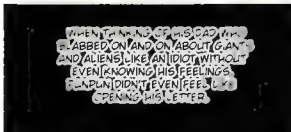






I'LL LEAVE  
THIS LETTER  
HERE, OKAY?

YOUR MOTHER  
TOLD ME TO  
GIVE THIS TO  
YOU.





BUT THEN  
WHEN I HOLD  
HER HAND, I  
GET A BONER  
SO I CAN'T  
WALK  
PROPERLY!!

WHAT  
SHOULD I  
DO? PLEASE  
HELP ME,  
TAKUMI!

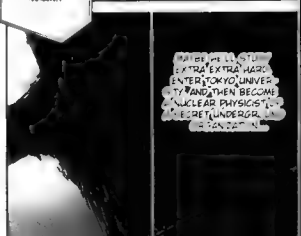
UNDERSTAND  
WAS LIKE THAT  
BACK IN MIDDLE  
SCHOOL TOO.



JUST HOW MUCH  
MEANING IS THERE  
IN STUDYING ALL  
YOUR TIME AWAY IN  
THE ONE AND ONLY  
LIFE YOU GET??  
PLEASE HELP ME,  
TAKUMI!!

HI, I'M A  
STUDENT WHO  
RECENTLY  
FAILED THE  
COLLEGE  
ENTRANCE  
EXAMS AND MY  
PARENTS WON'T  
SHUT UP ABOUT  
IT

TIME SPUN  
WAS BUSY  
STUDYING  
FOR THE



MAYBE I'LL STUDY  
EXTRA EXTRA HARD  
ENTER TOKYO UNIVER-  
SITY AND THEN BECOME  
A NUCLEAR PHYSICIST  
SECRET UNDERGRAD  
ORGANIZATION

THE REASON  
NO REAL  
REASON  
WHY IT ONLY  
SEEMED TO  
HELP CALM  
ME DOWN

THEY SAY  
JUST ALONG,  
WHAT A FUNNY  
CHILD!

AND THEN HE'D  
DESTROY  
HIMSELF.

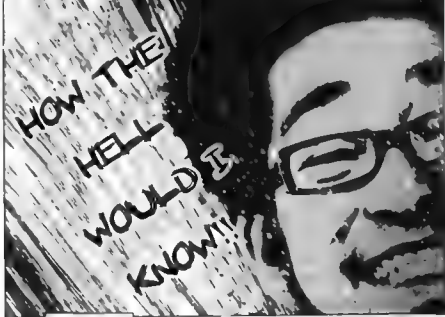


HOW SHOULD I HAVE  
CALLED HIM?

FROM  
A FRIEND WITH  
THE NAME  
"FACULTY"

AS AT HOME HERE  
MY ONLY HAVING LIFE  
WITH AN INTEREST IN  
THE ROOM BY HIMSELF  
I HAVE NO DREAMS AND  
I HAVE NO SLEEPING.

IN THE CITY OF  
THE FUTURE, BUT NO  
CURRENTS OF VIOLENCE. MY  
CURRENTS HAVE TURNED  
AND MY MIND IS NOT  
THE SAME.



PUNPUN WAS  
DEPRESSED AT  
THE GOD WHO  
COULDN'T  
EVEN OFFER A  
SINGLE WORD  
OF ADVICE.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO  
DECIDED TO CALL ME  
"GOD"! NOT ME, IT  
WAS ALL YOU!

HELL - HELL - HELL  
F THAT ISN'T THE  
FALSE ACCUSATION  
OF THE CENTURY -

IT'S WHO THE  
HELL IS HE





I HEARD THAT  
BOYS DO PER-  
VERTED THINGS  
WHILE THINKING  
ABOUT GIRLS  
THEY LIKE.



FROM  
PRINCESS  
TOMATO OF  
THE NORTH!



MOVING ON  
TO THE NEXT  
LETTER.



WHY DO BOYS DO  
THESE THINGS?  
PLEASE TELL ME  
TAKUMI!!

I CAN'T STAND  
THE THOUGHT  
OF SOMEONE  
DIRTYING ME  
WITH THEIR  
SICK  
THOUGHTS!!



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WERE STILL  
BLOWING  
THROUGHOUT  
THE NIGHT.

WINDS COLD  
ENOUGH TO  
FREEZE A  
TOWN OVER.

EVEN THOUGH  
IT SHOULD BE  
SPRING SOON.



THERE'S NO  
SUCH THING  
AS A NEVER-  
ENDING  
WINTER.

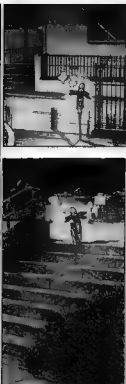
BUT SPRING  
WILL STILL  
DEFINITELY  
COME.



IF NOT  
TOMORROW  
THEN NEXT  
WEEK. IF NOT  
NEXT WEEK,  
THEN NEXT  
MONTH. IF NOT  
NEXT MONTH,  
THEN NEXT  
YEAR.

BUT HAPPY  
TIMES WERE  
SURE TO  
COME AGAIN.

THAT'S  
WHAT HE  
WANTED TO  
BELIEVE.



PUNPUN THOUGHT TO  
HIMSELF THAT IF  
TODAY WAS A TOUGH  
DAY, HE WAS SURE  
THAT A TOMORROW  
FILLED WITH JOY  
WOULD BE WAITING.



BUT SO  
WHAT?

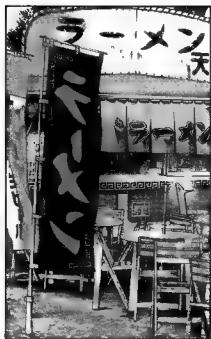
...BUT THAT WAS  
JUST H S W SH-  
LIKE FANTASY.

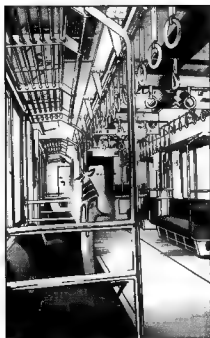


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GOODNIGHT  
PUNPUN

IN ANY CASE THAT  
WAS 'T FOR TODAY





IF I MAKE IT ANY CHEAPER MY BOSS WILL BE ANGRY!!

I CAN'T JUST IGNORE OUR ADVERTIZED PRICES AND GO EASY JUST BECAUSE IT'S THE HOLIDAYS!

UGH!

DOWAHH!

YOU DRIVE A HARD BARGAIN, MA'AM!!



OH, WON'T YOU PLEASE DO IT FOR MY LOVELY SAKE. ?



IT'S ABOUT THE PACKAGE SERVICE .

HELLO? IS THIS THE MANAGER?

IT'S KLUME OF THE SOUTHERN BRANCH OFFICES

YES, JUST HOW FAR CAN I LOWER THE PRICE TO?

2 YEARS  
LATER



ALRIGHT,  
MA'AM!



HOW  
ABOUT 10  
GRAND?!



I MANAGED  
TO DO IT!!



ONODERA PUNPUN BABA  
ONODERA PUNPUN  
ONODERA YUJI  
OKUJIMA MIORI

OWAH!

GUAAH!!

WE'LL THROW  
IN A FREE  
EARTHQUAKE  
PREVENTION  
MAT AND YOUR  
TOTAL MOVING  
COSTS WILL BE  
A MERE 13  
GRAND!!

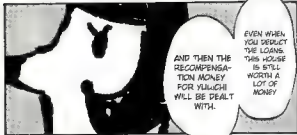


I'M TELLING  
YOU, IT'S  
FINE!!

I'M TIRED OF  
TALKING ABOUT  
THIS, AND  
THERE'S NO  
REASON FOR ME  
TO CONTINUE  
LIVING IN THIS  
HOUSE.

ARE YOU  
REALLY SURE  
ABOUT THIS?

....UUM,



AND THEN THE  
RECOMPENSA-  
TION MONEY  
FOR YUUCHI  
WILL BE DEALT  
WITH.

EVEN WHEN  
YOU DEDUCT  
THE LOANS.  
THIS HOUSE  
IS STILL  
WORTH A  
LOT OF  
MONEY



YUUCHI IS A  
BIT STUB-  
BORN SO.

I DON'T THINK  
HE'D BE VERY  
HAPPY.



SO IF YOU  
THINK OF ALL  
THE MONEY  
HE'S PAID SO  
FAR, IT'S FINE  
DON'T YOU  
THINK SO?

HE'S TOO  
BLOCK-  
HEADED!!

HE'S BEEN  
LIVING IN THIS  
HOUSE FOR  
ALMOST 5  
YEARS PAYING  
THE HOUSE  
RENT.

WHAT  
AN IDIOT.



OH FOR  
GOD'S  
SAKE!

I'VE ALREADY  
DECIDED TO  
SELL THE  
HOUSE!!

HAHA, BUT  
YOU CAN  
BE PRETTY  
STUBBORN  
TOO,

ONCE YOU'VE  
SET YOUR  
MIND ON  
SOMETHING.



WAS  
THAT  
TODAY?

WELL, I'M  
SURE THINGS  
TURNED OUT  
WELL.

OH,  
THAT'S  
RIGHT.

HOW WAS  
PUNPUN'S  
RESULTS FOR  
THE HIGH  
SCHOOL  
ENTRANCE  
EXAMS?



SURELY YOU'RE  
NOT DISAGREEING  
WITH MY CHILD  
REARING  
METHODS!

AHAHA!!

BUT HE'S  
SURE  
WORKED  
HARD.

HE'S  
STUDIED  
AND  
STUDIED  
FOR THE  
PAST 2  
YEARS...



HEY!  
MIDORI!?

IT'S ONLY  
BEEN 1 WEEK  
SINCE YUIICHI  
HASN'T COME  
HOME!

...HA.







おやすみプンプン  
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浅野いにお

背景アシスタント

鳥淵佑紀

佐藤五月

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